

APPEAL NO. 022948
FILED JANUARY 7, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on October 18, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the appellant (claimant) did not sustain a compensable repetitive trauma injury. The claimant appeals this determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The respondent (carrier) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant did not sustain a compensable repetitive trauma injury. At issue is whether the claimant's diagnosed bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) and cubital tunnel syndrome are work-related. We have held that the cause of CTS can be established by the testimony of the claimant alone, if believed by the hearing officer. Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 961008, decided July 1, 1996. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). The hearing officer did not believe that the claimed conditions resulted from the claimant's work. The hearing officer's determination is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

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Edward Vilano
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Appeals Judge